

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 578
By Fowler

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of E. B. "Red" Etter.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of E. B. "Red" Etter; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Etter was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, E. B. Etter served with acumen and alacrity as a teacher for many years, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and students alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, Red Etter graduated from Central High School and attended the University of Chattanooga, where he played football under Scrappy Moore; and

WHEREAS, a legendary football coach, Red Etter guided two Chattanooga high school football teams to nine state championships and one national championship; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Etter began his long and storied coaching career in 1943, when he was named the head football coach at Central High School, for which he also coached baseball, track, wrestling, and boxing; in 1970, he took over the football program at Baylor High School, guiding it with the dedication and fortitude of a natural leader until his retirement in 1984; and

WHEREAS, during his estimable football coaching career at Central High School and Baylor High School, Coach Etter claimed 342 wins, the third most wins in the history of Tennessee high school football; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, E. B. Etter was named the National Coach of the Year in 1984; and

WHEREAS, Red Etter was an active and devout member of the Red Bank Baptist Church, which he served faithfully for many years as a member of the Fellowship Sunday School class, the Senior Choir, and the Gloryland Singers; and

WHEREAS, E. B. Etter enjoyed the loving companionship of Helen, his wife of sixty-seven years; their marriage was blessed with two sons, Gene and Bobby; and

WHEREAS, deeply devoted to his family, Mr. Etter always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, E. B. Etter was preceded in death by his parents, E. B. Etter, Sr. and Helen Prater Etter; and

WHEREAS, Red Etter is survived by his wife, Helen Gross Etter; sons, Gene Etter and wife Eddie, and Bob Etter; grandchildren, Dr. Glenn Etter, Todd Etter and wife Ann, Dr. Lori Etter and husband Jeff Welty, Honey Hopkins and husband Jonathan, Jack Etter, and Jordan Etter; and great-grandchildren, Timothy Etter, Jeffrey Etter, and Marshall Hopkins; and

WHEREAS, E. B. Etter leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of E. B. "Red" Etter, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Etter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.